5. The total expenditure of last year exceeded the budgetted amount by Rs. 6,85,588. Of this Rs. 6·5 lakhs is due to the transfer from cash surplus to the Revenue Reserve Fund. Excluding this the increase in revenue expenditure has been only about Rs. 35,000. Thus, on the whole, the expenditure has been kept down severely to the budgetted allotments. There have been, however, a few variations as compared to the individual allotments. Under Palace there was an increase in expenditure to the extent of Rs. 55,000. This was because Government decided that the contribution to the Reserve Fund due under the Palace Scheme but which had been with-held should be restored. A small amount of Rs. 10,000 under Religious on account of payment of *Vazhivadu*, an amount of Rs. 80,000 under Public Works on account of additional works under buildings and the opening of the approach road to the Harbour bridge, of Rs. 46,000 under Pension and Gratuity, of Rs. 24,000 under Income-tax on account of larger refunds and a sum of Rs. 38,000 under Scientific, etc., Departments on account of loss under Stone-ware Factory: all these together contributed to the increases over the budgetted allotments. Against these, there were savings mainly under Education, Forests and Tramway, Railway, Matches and Panchayats. These variations have been fully explained in the explanatory memorandum and therefore it is not necessary to go into them again at this moment.

6. The net result so far as the closed accounts of 1114 are concerned has been an increase in income of Rs. 5·37 lakhs over the budgetted estimate, a transfer of Rs. 6·5 lakhs to the Revenue Reserve Fund and a small nominal excess expenditure of Rs. 35,000 over the total budget allotment. The result unquestionably has been very satisfactory.

REVISED ESTIMATE OF 1115

Coming to the current year Receipts we are expecting an increase of a little less than Rs. 4 lakhs over the budgetted estimate of Rs. 108 lakhs (in round figures). On the expenditure side an increase of Rs. 1·1 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 102·89 lakhs is anticipated. Increases in income are mainly under Income-tax, Customs, Railway and Interest, these four together making up Rs. 3·78 lakhs. There are also increases of small amounts under Salt, Abkari and Ganja, Tobacco, Forests and Tramway, Public Works and Land Revenue. Against these increases there is a very substantial reduction of Rs. 1·22 lakhs under Stamps. Also under Matches there is a reduction of Rs. 21,000.

8. Now taking up the expenditure of the current year there are not comparatively large variations from the budgetted allotments,

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except under Miscellaneous and Railway. Under Miscellaneous the revised estimate includes the contribution of Rs. 1 lakh already made to the War Fund. The increase in the maintenance and running expenditure of the Railway is more than compensated by the increase in income from Railway which has come to Rs. 93,000.

9. Under Public Works, Education, Forests and Tramway and Matches we are expecting a reduction in expenditure. The reason for the reduction in Public Works is mainly because the reservoir work under the Chittur Irrigation system is not to be taken up in the current year as originally proposed. The savings under Education is largely on account of the drop under leave allowance and establishment; under Forests and Tramway the decrease is accounted for by a fall in the collection and transport charges of timber, and under Matches it is due to the correspondingly smaller contribution that is alone now due to the Government of India following the decrease in the sale of banderols.

10. As per the revised estimate the current year is expected to show a surplus of Rs. 7·87 lakhs as against the original budgetted surplus of Rs. 5·06 lakhs.

BUDGET ESTIMATE OF 1116

11. Taking up the estimates of next year which is our primary duty to discuss at this session the total income under revenue heads for next year comes to the peak figure of Rs. 114·5 lakhs which is in excess of the corresponding figure of the current year by Rs. 6·55 lakhs. Compared to the income of the State just ten years ago, say in 1105, there is an increase of Rs. 20·8 lakhs working up to 22 per cent of the income of 1105. This gives us a clear estimate of the increase in the activities of the Administration in the last decade. Compared to the estimate of last year there is an increase of Rs. 2·25 lakhs under Customs alone. Under Miscellaneous also there is an increase of Rs. 2·25 lakhs. This is due to the receipt on account of transfers made from the Revenue Reserve Fund to the Service heads for meeting special items of work in the next year. Under Railway the gross income for next year shows a rise of Rs. 1·4 lakhs over the budgetted figure of last year. Under Stationery and Printing there is an increase of Rs. 36,000. Under Stamps, compared to the budget estimate of last year, there is a fall of Rs. 90,000.

12. Coming to the budgetted allotments for next year under expenditure, I might point out at the start, that a provision of Rs. 3·25 lakhs is made for starting special works in the Education, Medical

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